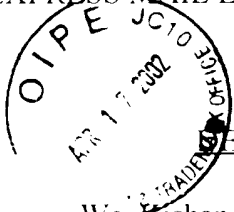


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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

We, Kishan Khemani, Ph.D., Harald Schmidt and Simon K. Hodson, declare: that we are citizens of the United States of America, Germany and the United States of America; that our residences and post office addresses are 4751 Amarosa Street, Santa Barbara, California 93110; Spillingscher Weg 51, D-46446 Emmerich, Germany; and 910 Estrella Drive, Santa Barbara, California 93110, respectively; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled BIODEGRADABLE FILMS AND SHEETS SUITABLE FOR USE AS COATINGS, WRAPS AND PACKAGING MATERIALS for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 1, 2002 and assigned Serial No. 10/087,718; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims referred to, and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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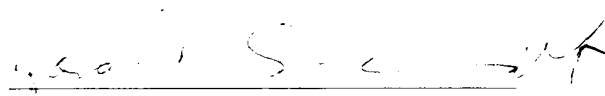
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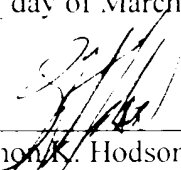
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